



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 226 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 21, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 21, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through September 21, 2019 for the United States were 7.10 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,385	32,650	32,924	32,638	32,208	31,506
Arkansas	24,279	24,347	24,216	23,476	19,684	23,392
Delaware	5,338	5,337	5,245	5,058	4,778	4,778
Florida	1,178	1,131	1,147	1,147	1,147	1,163
Georgia	35,110	35,258	35,207	34,724	34,621	33,985
Kentucky	7,749	7,606	7,850	7,443	7,314	7,208
Louisiana	3,713	3,788	3,682	3,743	3,688	3,748
Maryland	7,810	7,810	7,435	7,377	7,245	7,990
Mississippi	18,348	18,152	17,653	17,500	17,191	17,621
Missouri	8,663	8,616	8,679	8,629	8,497	8,063
North Carolina	23,702	23,748	23,855	22,102	23,154	23,113
Oklahoma	7,510	7,687	7,724	7,742	6,658	7,394
Pennsylvania	5,312	5,157	5,337	5,209	5,372	5,266
South Carolina	5,890	5,822	5,828	5,737	5,535	5,965
Texas	17,422	17,117	16,759	16,210	16,876	17,473
Virginia	6,348	6,047	6,213	6,174	6,349	6,349
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,830	10,875	11,024	10,946	11,048	11,104
Other States	10,151	9,787	10,148	9,916	9,794	10,319
United States	232,738	230,935	230,926	225,771	221,159	226,437
Percent of previous year	103	103	105	104	104	103

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	August 17, 2019	August 24, 2019	August 31, 2019	September 7, 2019	September 14, 2019	September 21, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,595	23,228	23,852	23,897	24,080	24,708
Arkansas	23,280	22,555	20,245	22,655	21,648	21,699
Delaware	5,061	5,453	5,270	5,432	5,272	4,200
Florida	1,239	1,339	1,333	1,298	1,167	1,246
Georgia	28,351	27,917	27,267	27,693	27,518	26,650
Kentucky	6,009	5,863	6,172	6,161	6,417	6,454
Louisiana	3,138	3,208	3,452	3,198	3,236	3,185
Maryland	5,258	5,592	5,498	5,777	5,537	6,647
Mississippi	15,557	15,480	15,388	15,340	15,134	14,762
Missouri	6,590	6,450	6,686	6,266	5,785	6,139
North Carolina	19,287	19,532	19,148	19,344	19,104	19,355
Oklahoma	3,519	4,596	5,673	3,935	5,469	5,055
Pennsylvania	4,234	4,143	4,142	3,957	3,757	4,004
South Carolina	5,466	4,924	5,327	5,244	5,615	5,732
Texas	14,301	14,585	14,289	14,394	14,189	13,909
Virginia	6,117	5,453	5,817	5,338	5,258	5,237
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,217	10,857	10,431	10,502	9,736	9,907
Other States	7,750	8,226	7,731	7,763	7,257	7,669
United States	188,969	189,401	187,721	188,194	186,179	186,558
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	103	103	105

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week’s data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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